

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please accept the enclosed replacement drawing sheets enclosed with this amendment. Each of the drawing sheets has been identified in the top margin as a "Replacement Sheet".

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11-15 are pending in this application. Claim 10 is canceled. The claims have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim applicant's invention. No new matter is added. The features in the claims as amended were present in the originally filed specification.

In the Office Action it is stated that claims 3 and 6 would be allowable if the claims were rewritten in independent form and to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejections.

In the Office Action it is stated that claims 8 and 15 would be allowable if the claims were rewritten in independent form and to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejections.

In the Drawings

Please accept the replacement sheets of all thirteen (13) pages of the drawings which are hereby submitted as formal drawings.

35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph Rejections

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 2-7, 9, 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph on the grounds that the phrase "biasing device" is allegedly indefinite. It is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended above obviate the rejections made in the Office Action. For example, applicants have used the phrase "a plunger biasing device" in claim 2.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

35 U.S.C. 102 Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 11-14 by Hansen

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,580,666 to Hansen. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

In the Office Action, it is stated that Hansen allegedly teaches the features of claim 1 of a housing, handle, biasing device, secondary pawl, and a detent device. Applicants submit that the claim 1 as amended is directed to a latch having a housing. A main pawl is slideable in the housing and a secondary pawl is also slideable in the housing. It is submitted that these features simply are not taught in the Hansen reference.

Accordingly, as it is submitted that the Hansen fails to teach at least the above described features of claim 1 upon which all other claims depend, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 102 rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 11-14.

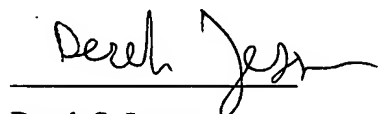
CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants' present invention, as recited in the amended claims now more clearly and particularly, is patentable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections and objections in this case is hereby respectfully requested.

If further matters remain in connection with this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned representative to resolve them.

Respectfully submitted,

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